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# Ferguson's Seed Current

Published every time the moon changes, from the private print shop of FERGUSON SEED FARMS to give Farmers the latest gossip about the **Price, Quality and Value** of Seeds for the Southwest. All seeds are sold on **FERGUSON'S STRINGLESS GUARANTEE** of "Satisfactory Seeds or Money Back," as given in our illustrated catalog. Copy free on request.

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BY THIS SIGN YOU
KNOW THE QUALITY

WILL YOU HUNT WHERE YOU LOST  
OR SEEK WHERE YOU FOUND?

Harvest time is the time for collecting your profit for the years work. How much did you make? Did you make or lose \$5.00 to \$20.00 an acre? Did you plant mixed run-out seed, or seed of unsuitable varieties, or the latest Bred-Up strains of good varieties?

Will you again cheapen your labor and your land, or will you make "Better Times" by planting **good** seed of even **"the best"**, varieties—all of freshly Bred-Up Strains, from a boni-fide Seed-Breeding, Seed-Growing, Seed-Farm, Seed-Business, and even then, seed that have been re-cleaned, graded, and treated to destroy disease laden germs.

Will you "Hunt Where You Lost", or "Seek Where You Found Before". Old customers of Ferguson Seed Farms follow the latter rule. They found "profit" in "Ferguson's Latest Bred-Up Strains", and we are now filling their orders every day, for fresh stocks from **last season's** seed fields, for their spring plantings, Oats,—Corn, Cotton, Sorghums.

## Ferguson's New Boykin Cotton

Makes Highest Average Yields

### Beeville Experiment Station

Mr. E. D. Parnell, a Staff Correspondent for the *Progressive Farmer*, the South's leading farm paper, writing up the "June Round-Up" of 225 farmers at the Beeville Experiment Station, calls attention to FERGUSON'S NEW BOYKIN COTTON and FERGUSON'S SUCROPPER CORN as the leading varieties for "highest average yields" thru a long series of years. He reports:

### New Boykin Leads

The NEW BOYKIN variety of cotton leads the field of 27 varieties with an eight year average of 238 pounds of lint cotton per acre."

—PROGRESSIVE FARMER

Thus again the superior MONEY-MAKING ability of "Ferguson's Certified Bred-Up Cotton" is proven up in extensive government tests, just as in previous reports for a similar lead in Experiment Station Tests at A. & M. College at College Station, Temple and other stations.

Thus it is obvious that when you plant "Ferguson's Cotton" you know you have the "Best Yielding Variety." Send for "Ferguson's Cotton Gumption" No. 241. Also Ferguson's descriptive, illustrated catalog of Bred-Up Field Seeds. Both gladly sent free.

## There's a Reason Why

"Ferguson's Bred-Up Seeds," are not "just seeds." They have been bred-up for the Southwest for nearly 30 years. They are more drouth resisting, and proven so, because they have averaged larger yields in row-to-row tests, conducted by the Experiment Stations in the four Southwestern States.

Mr. Farmer; it is just as necessary for you to read and study your seed problems, as it is to work your crops. Ferguson's Catalogs and "Seed Gumptions" give you definite information to think over. They are gladly sent free.

We have a staff of practical Seedsmen, scientifically trained, spending all their time throughout the year, breeding up seeds for your farms, your community and our nation. We must all work together for the prosperity of the State and the Nation, each benefiting by the others knowledge and work.

Our work is conducting a bona fide Seed-Breeding, Seed-Growing, Seed-Farm, Seed-Business. Visit us if you can. Others do, and say they are profited by what they see and learn. See our seed breeding blocks and specially designed seed re-cleaning and seed grading plant. If you cannot visit, write us about your seed problems. All letters answered promptly and cheerfully.

Yours for Better-Bred Seeds and Bigger Crops.

A. M. FERGUSON, Pres.,  
In charge of Seed-Breeding.

Let Reliable "Seed Information" Help Your Labor to Produce Bigger Crops

# Ferguson's Pedigreed Field Seeds

Ferguson's Bred-Up Pedigreed Seeds are Grown from Ferguson's High-Bred Strains, as well as Harvested, Threshed, Ginned, Re-Cleaned, Graded and Sacked under the direct supervision of Ferguson and his staff. Ferguson's Pedigreed Seeds are Sold only in Branded Sealed Bags.



## Seeds Are Like Races of Men

Some are strong and some are weak. Some grow fast and make mighty crops, while others grow slow and fail.

Ferguson's "Trial Grounds," "Breeding Blocks" and "Seed Re-Cleaning, Grading and Treating Plants" are the "Try Outs" that allow only the "fittest to survive" to go into Ferguson's Sealed Branded Seed Sacks.

This is Ferguson's SEED SERVICE to You.

## SEED CORN:

### Ferguson's Certified Bred-Up Seeds

Surcopper, Chisholm, and Ferguson's Yellow Dent, are the three "Recognized Standard Native Varieties for the Southwest." We quote only the originator's latest strains, improved by 20-odd years of systematic breeding. On your order, be sure to name the Variety and Grade of seed wanted. See catalog for full description of these varieties, and the extra yields secured by planting Ferguson's latest Bred-Up Strains.

### SURCROPPER CORN.

Originated and introduced by A. M. Ferguson. A recent bulletin from Texas Agricultural Experiment Station reports Ferguson's Surcopper as the highest average good yielding variety for the entire State. It is an early, quick maturing, drouth resisting, sure-crop, white corn, having the drouth resisting qualities of June Corn and the earliness of northern corn. It has long been the standard corn for six Southwestern States. Generally considered best for thin lands, for late spring or summer planting, and a better summer corn than June Corn.

### FERGUSON'S YELLOW DENT.

The most famous and widely planted large grained, medium large eared variety of deep grained golden yellow corn known to the Southwest. It is another creation of A. M. Ferguson that for 20 years has consistently made the highest average yields over all other yellow varieties in Experiment Station tests in Texas, and other Southwestern States.

### CHISHOLM CORN.

Ferguson's own original strain, a medium early white grained red cobbled variety. This is the best general purpose variety white corn for medium to strong lands. Ferguson's original pedigreed strains have made the largest yields in many Experiment Station tests.

#### Surcopper, Originator's Seed

	Pk.	½ bu.	1 bu.	2-20 bu.
Regular Certified Bred-Up Seed	\$.90	\$1.75	\$3.25	\$3.00
Elite Certified Bred-Up Seed	1.25	2.00	3.75	3.50

#### Ferguson's Yellow Dent

Regular Certified Bred-Up Seed	\$.90	\$1.75	\$3.25	\$3.00
Elite Certified Bred-Up Seed	1.25	2.00	3.75	3.50

#### Chisholm, White, Red Cob

Regular Certified Bred-Up Seed	Ask
Elite Certified Bred-Up Seed	Ask

*Ferguson's Bred-Up Seeds*

## COTTON SEED

Ferguson's Certified Bred-Up Seed Proven  
Highest Yielding in Experiment  
Station Tests

"We Breed-Up the Cotton Seed We Sell"

"And Sell Only Cotton Seed We Have Bred-Up"

—and grown under our supervision, ginned, cleaned and sacked in our own gins and warehouses.

### NEW BOYKIN.

The proven highest linting, big balled, storm-proof, highest yielding strain ever developed from Mebane Triumph Cotton. Makes better gin turn-outs and higher yields than the original Mebane Triumph, Kasch's Triumph, etc. These statements are proven by numerous Government Experiment Station Tests, and farmers experiences in their own fields. See Catalog for full information.

### FERGUSON No. 406 COTTON.

is quite similar to NEW BOYKIN in field characteristics and in early rapid fruiting habits, but produces a slightly better quality of staple, often bringing a premium when sold through markets recognizing body and length in staple. Like NEW BOYKIN, it too, usually yields 100 to 300 pounds more per acre than the originators latest strains of Triumph. See catalog for the figures giving the proof. Many communities are standardizing on this strain to the almost absolute exclusion of other varieties. It's Ferguson's latest creation in a new variety of Triumph Cotton. Discovered in 1914. Introduced and popular since 1918. Latest Bred-Up strains are ginned on Ferguson's exclusive gin for this variety. See catalog for full information.

#### Ferguson's Standard Cotton Seed Prices

Prices on Cotton Seed include Freight Prepaid to Your Station in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, in 4-bushel, Branded Sealed Bags. See Catalog Pages 10 to 15, and "Ferguson's Cotton Gumption."

#### Ferguson's No. 406 Cotton

	4-100 Quantity Bushels	Prices
-Regular Certified Bred-Up Seed	\$2.50	\$2.35
-Elite Certified Bred-Up Seed	3.00	2.85

#### Ferguson's New Boykin Cotton

-Regular Certified Bred-Up Seed	\$2.50	\$2.35
-Elite Certified Bred-Up Seed	3.00	2.85

Reduced Freight Paid Prices will gladly be quoted on large Club Orders and on Car Lots of cotton seed for standardization on One-Variety Gin Units and Community Units. If your community is considering standardization on "One-Variety", read our suggestions about "Facts, Fancys and Fads" on Standardization in "Ferguson's Cotton Gumption." Write us for "More Facts on Cotton Standardization."

*Ferguson's Certified Pedigreed Seeds*

## ALFALFA

Ask for late prices on large lots. Market variable.

DOMESTIC ALFALFA	10 lbs.	50 lbs.	100 lbs.
-Prime, "Poor but Honest"-----			\$16.00
-Southwestern Fancy, Purity 95 to 97%, 92 to 95% Germination-----		\$12.75	24.75
-Ferguson Standard Quality, Purity 97 to 99%; 95% or better Germination-----	\$3.50	14.00	27.00
<b>HAIRY PERUVIAN ALFALFA</b>			
-Ferguson Standard Quality-----	3.75	15.00	29.50

## SWEET CLOVER

### WHITE BLOSSOM SWEET CLOVER

	10 lbs.	50 lbs.	100 lbs.
-Fancy to Excellent, Hulled Seed-----		\$5.50	\$9.75
-Ferguson Standard Quality-----	\$1.50	6.25	11.50
-Fancy, Un Hulled Seed-----		3.50	6.00

## SOIL BUILDING BACTERIA

### Nitragin Legume Bacteria



The Original Legume Inoculator

—with the Expiration Date and Legume Germ Count on every Can. 1 bu. size inoculates 60 lbs. legume seed. Prices below.

Alfalfa, All Clovers, Vetch, Peas, Beans		SPECIAL PRICES: Soy Beans and Cow Peas	
Size	Retail	Size	Retail
3/4 bu.....	\$.40	1 bu.....	\$.40
1/2 bu.....	.60	2 bu.....	.70
1 bu.....	1.00	5 bu.....	1.50
5 bu.....	4.75	10 bu.....	2.50

Always state kind of seed — legumes only

Nitragin is an old reliable inoculator. It is well known and used by many agricultural colleges. Sold in tins —not glass—packed in a rich, soil-like granular medium, easy to mix with seed. Contents always fresh and bacteria active and vigorous.



## Sure! "Some" Cotton Growers!

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Montgomery, Memphis, Texas, are "just two", but making 500 to 750 pounds lint cotton per acre makes them "Some" Cotton Growers in Hall County. See letter below:

**Bale and One-Half Per Acre in Hall County.** "Last year my yield from Ferguson No. 406 Cotton, grown on my home place in Hall County on 50 acres was seventy-two (72) running bales or slightly better than 75 bales, averaging 500 pounds each. This year I did not do so well as I only made 43 bales on 60 acres from 3-year old seed. On 14 acres planted from new Elite Certified Bred-Up Seed of Ferguson No. 406 Cotton, purchased for this year's crop I made 14 bales, or a bale per acre. I am in a Half & Half community, but in the last few years many of my neighbors are coming to your Ferguson No. 406 Cotton and are paying me \$2.00 a bushel for second-year seed."—E. T. Montgomery, Hall County, Texas. (See photo of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery above)

## GRASS SEEDS—"Grazing and Hay"

**SUDAN GRASS** is the greatest of all Domestic Grasses for hay as well as grazing. Send for leaflet of information. No Johnson Grass, or other noxious weeds. Genuine, good quality, high purity and good germination. Market changeable. Ask for prices, car lots or less.

SUDAN GRASS	10 lbs.	50 lbs.	100 lbs.
-Thresher Run Seed-----			Ask
-Fancy to Choice Seed, Recleaned-----			Ask
-Ferguson Standard Quality-----	\$1.00	\$3.50	Ask
Bermuda Grass (1 lb. postpaid 60c).....	5.00	16.00	30.00

## MILLET

	50-lbs.	100 lbs.
German Millet, Extra Fancy Seed-----	\$2.75	5.00
German Millet, Large Leafy Stem-----	2.50	4.75
White Wonder Millet, Very Productive-----	2.25	4.00

**FEED MILLET**, low germination, either straight or mixed with other grains \$1.35 per 100 lbs.; 1000 lbs. \$12.50.

## GRAIN AND FORAGE SORGHUMS

For Grain, Hay, Forage, Ensilage, Etc.

MILO, or MAIZE, Dwarf Yellow	10 lbs.	50 lbs.	100 lbs.
-Ferguson's Triple XXX Strain	\$1.25	\$3.00	\$5.00
-Dwarf Yellow Milo, Fancy Seed	1.00	2.00	3.50
<b>KAFIR, Texas Dwarf Blackhull</b>			
-Fancy to Choice Seed-----	1.00	2.00	3.50
-Ferguson's Standard Quality, 1.25		3.00	5.00
<b>HEGARI</b>			
-Choice to Fancy Seed-----	.90	1.75	3.00
-Ferguson's Standard Quality	1.25	3.00	5.00
<b>RED TOP, Best Hay Cane</b>		50 lbs.	100 lbs.
—Fancy, Rough Cleaned Seed-----			Ask
—Ferguson Standard Quality, thoroly Re-Cleaned			Ask
<b>HONEY DRIP or Japanese</b> -----	3.00		5.50
<b>RED TOP SYRUP CANE</b> -----	3.00		5.50



Threshing Seed Grains on Ferguson Seed Farms.

## OATS, BARLEY, RYE AND WHEAT

See pages 16 to 22 of our illustrated Catalog for descriptive information on "Ferguson's Certified Bred-Up Seed" of proven better yielding varieties of SMALL GRAINS and their greater VALUE over common Country-Run, Thresher-Run, Un-Cleaned, Un-Graded, Un-Improved, Mixed-Up, Run-Out, Run-Down, Mongrel stocks of white, black and red oats.

Ferguson's latest BRED-UP strains of MEDITERRANEAN WHEAT, TEXAS WINTER BARLEY and other Fall Sown Grains, will be described in the August to November issues of FERGUSON'S SEED CURRENT.

See next page for information on FERGUSON'S No. 922 OATS NORTEX OATS, AND TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS.

# FERGUSON'S No. 922 OATS

## A High Bred, High Yielding Variety of Texas Red Rust Proof Oats

For 50 years or more the South and West have been growing "Red Oats" under various names, the Texas Red Rust Proof being generally more popular for planting in the Southeastern states and in Kansas and California. The advantages recognized are, small fine stout stems that are decidedly more resistant to rust, lodging, and dry weather, than the white oats, so generally used in the North.

However, our fathers and grandfathers, without any selecting, continued to plant over-and-over, year-after-year, country-run, field-run, and too often thrasher-run oats, which were mixed up with black oats, white oats, broom tail oats, etc., all of which lowered the yield and the quality of the crop.

### The First Systematic Improvement

Recognizing that the Texas Red Rust Proof oat contained thousands of natural varieties, A. M. Ferguson began, in 1900, selecting several thousand stools from all over

Texas, for plant-to-row testing, to compare their yielding qualities when grown side-by-side. This permitted comparison of stooling, lodging, degrees of rust resistance, resistance to drouth and winter killing, height, size and characters of heads and grains, and all the important characters for developing a new pure-bred, better yielding red oat.

Ferguson's No. 71 Oat was offered, after 9 years of testing and breeding. It was at once accepted as a great improvement and its use was soon general. It was a great improvement over the common country-run Texas red oat.

### Ferguson's No. 922 Oats

Ferguson continued a watchful working hunting for another variety that would be still better. In 1922 he found and later offered Ferguson's No. 922 Oats, which has now replaced the original Ferguson No. 71 Oat.

## SOME PROVEN ADVANTAGES

### How Farmers Make and Save Money With Ferguson's No. 922 Oats

1. **Larger Yields Than Common Red Oats**,—more bushels and dollars per acre without extra labor.
2. **A Better Quality of Grain**,—Threshermen and grain dealers say so. The brass bucket tests prove it.
3. **Greater Hardiness Against Winter Killing**,—Affording more winter grazing, earlier maturity to escape the spring drouths.
4. **Greater Drouth Resistance**,—Their superior yields in dry seasons prove this.
5. **Freer Stooling Habits**,—Due to greater vigor, and thus requiring less seed to sow.
6. **Greater Stiffness of Straw**,—Thus avoiding losses from lodging.
7. **More Resistance to Red and Black Rust**,—Many customers have found that this has saved them from large losses.
8. **Practical Freedom From Smut**,—Due to seed treatment given to our stock seed every year and to the seed we ship out. This in itself will save 3 to 15 percent loss which is more than the entire cost of your seed.
9. **More Efficient Re-Cleaning and Grading**,—To remove the small grains, the pin oats, the blasted and weak shucky grains, etc., that are not good seed, leaving only the plumpest, heaviest, most vigorous grains for seeding. Sow less seed and harvest a bigger crop when planting such seed.

## YOU TOO, CAN MAKE BETTER YIELDS WITH FERGUSON'S OATS

Made Better Than 103 Bushels Per Acre. "I have some of your Oats No. 922 that I bought from you two years ago last spring. They made 46 bushels per acre while mine made 35 bushels. This year I sowed 18 acres of your oats, and the 18 acres threshed out 1854 bushels or 103 bushels per acre, and left about 10 bushels per acre on the ground. The oats are scaling 35 pounds per bushel."—H. BLANKMEYER.

Ferguson's No. 922 Oats Make Double Yield. "The oats I ordered from you last season made an exceptionally good yield, doubling many of the oats in this section."—R. E. WOLFF, Falls County, Texas.

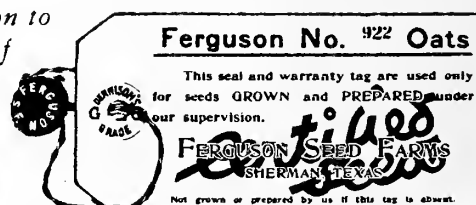


Gold Medal awarded to Ferguson's Oats by National Corn Exposition.

Fine Yield, Tested 38 to 42 Pounds. "Your Ferguson Oats exceeded my expectations. The Thresherman said they were the finest he had threshed. Elevator test was 38 pounds, but many sacks tested 42 pounds. Everybody hereabouts want Ferguson Oats."—WILL H. WARD, Garvin County, Oklahoma.

Lost \$2000 By Planting My Own Oats. "Yes, I thought the oats I had been proudly planting for 23 years were good oats. Your Ferguson Oats made 20 bushels per acre more than my oats one year, and 38 bushels more in another test. I figure that I lost over \$2000 by planting my own seed. This taught me to insist on every acre of my farm being planted to your Bred-Up Pedigreed Seed."—B. F. AUSTIN, Grayson County, Texas.

It's sealed on to every bag of Pedigreed Seeds. Look for it, thus:



### Ferguson's Certified Bred-Up Seeds

This is our pledge of Honest Good Faith that Ferguson's Bred-Up Pedigreed Seeds represent Bred-Up Strains with years of scientific breeding of the Best Varieties for the Southwest, proven by years of patient testing.

"Ferguson's Certified Bred-Up Seed" of his famous FERGUSON No. 922 OAT, and other varieties quoted represent the "Best to Be Had," in high yielding Varieties, as well as Re-Cleaned, Graded, Anti-Smut Treated, and Tested Seed.

Put up only in Ferguson's Branded Sealed 4 and 5 bushel bags. Accept no other as "Ferguson's Certified Bred-Up Oats." Special prices on car lots. Read pages 18 and 19 in Catalog.

FERGUSON No. 922 OATS	Prices 5-100 bu.	105 bu. up
Regular Certified Bred Up Seed	- \$1.25	1.20
Elite Certified Bred-Up Seed	- 1.50	1.45
NORTEX OAT, our growing	- 1.25	1.20

### TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS

Selected for good seed quality, and carefully Re-Cleaned, Graded, Polished, Anti-Smut Treated and Tested. Yes, Free from Johnson Grass, Mustard, Winter Weeds, etc. In 5 bushel good bags. 90c per bushel.

Special Reduced Freight Paid Prices on request on local or on car lots. Also mixed country-run Feed Oats at market prices.